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## Clay City woman dies after being hit by stray shot

Home invasion in Winchester apartment complex ends in shots fired, two others injured; two arrested as police investigate

By WHITNEY LEGGETT  
of The Winchester Sun

A young Powell County woman is dead and three others are in critical condition after a home invasion at an apartment complex in Winchester last week.

Winchester Police Department Capt. James Hall said officers were dispatched to Apt. 47 at The Summit apartment complex located on Oxford Drive around 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23.

“When we arrived, we found two individuals that had been shot in Apt. 47,” he said. “There was another victim in the apartment directly beneath.”

Hall said the victim in the downstairs apartment, 19-year-old Amber Caudill of Powell County, was pro-



Amber Caudill



Lillian Barnett, 18, and Lamont Wilkerson, 20, have been arrested and charged with Caudill's murder

nounced dead at the scene.

“During the exchange of gunfire in the upstairs apartment, a shot went through the floor and struck the victim in the downstairs apartment,” Hall said.

Clark County Coroner Robert Gayheart said Caudill, who was a pre-art design major at Eastern Kentucky University, sustained a fatal injury from a single gunshot wound.

Caudill's body was transported to Frankfort for an autopsy.

The other victims were transported to University of Kentucky Medical Center.

Another individual was transported to Clark Regional Medical Center by private vehicle and taken to UK from there, Hall said.

Hall said WPD has two

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## New Year brings new hope for child born with rare kidney disease

By JAMES COOK  
Times Editor

The child was calm and seemed to like Santa. Many his age do not. Maybe this child is a little different because he has seen so many different people. He met Santa at the Powell County Courthouse just two days before Christmas. He smiled.

While many people may look forward to the new year so they can try to lose weight, quit a bad habit or just try to do something new, Colton Swartz is looking forward to turning two years old. His family is looking toward a long two-day event at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

Colton was born with a rare kidney disease. The smiling, calm child will face nine appointments in those two days. The goal is to try to get him a kidney.

His parents, Roxanne and Dustin Swartz, have been doing their best to make Colton's life manageable as he fights the rare disease. He goes through 10 hours of

dialysis a day and has since he was six weeks old. His mother has to use a catheter on him every six hours and he has to take shots weekly to build up his red blood cells and other shots to help his growth.

Roxanne knew there was going to be some problems when she was carrying Colton. He developed a rare abnormality while she was pregnant. It caused something known as PUV.

According to the website, Wikipedia, “Posterior urethral valve (PUV) disorder is an obstructive developmental anomaly in the urethra and genitourinary system of male newborns. A posterior urethral valve is an obstructing membrane in the posterior male urethra as a result of abnormal in utero development. It is the most common cause of bladder outlet obstruction in male newborns. The disorder varies in degree, with mild cases followed conservatively. More severe cases can have renal and respiratory failure from lung underdevelopment as result of low amniotic fluid

volumes, requiring intensive care and close monitoring. Incidence is one in 8,000 babies.”

Colton, according to Roxanne, was born with one kidney much smaller than the other. “He was born with less than 50 percent function in his left kidney,” Roxanne said.

Because of the rare disease Colton has, she has had to watch his diet and everything. “He's been on a strict diet and it is easy to keep track of things like potassium and sodium when its baby food,” Roxanne admits. “But now that he is eating foods we cook, it gets a little harder.”

When Colton was born you would have not known he was sick. “He weighed 6 pounds and 8 ounces when he was born,” Roxanne remembers. “But then he started getting smaller and I knew that was not right.”

Roxanne and her husband had taken Colton to doctors to be checked out. One day they decided to go to UK. It was good thing they did.

“When we got him there they said he was almost get-



Colton Swartz and Santa were hanging out last week at the Powell County Courthouse. Colton goes to Cincinnati later this month to have tests run to see if he can receive a new kidney.

ting ready to go into cardiac arrest. He had some respira-

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## 2014: A year with lots of laughs, tears and everything in between

The year 2014 had its ups and downs, and a small town seems to have just as many as the big cities. We've laughed, cried, lost loved ones, gained new friends, got mad, got over it and learned about our past and hoped for our future.

So here is a look back at 2014 in the pages of the Times:

### JANUARY

#### New Year, Bad Weather

The New Year started out with some of the coldest temperatures the county had seen in almost decade.

Snow and ice took over and the school system ended up missing over 30 days due to the weather. There were accidents, one was fatal due to the weather. That happened on Welch's Cut when a wreck on an icy roadway claimed the life of Amy Campbell.

The county suffered some salt shortages and water pipes freezing and bursting became a problem. Even for the city water departments. Tough way to begin a new year.

Former Sheriff

### Passes Away

Former Powell County Sheriff and Stanton Police Officer Billy Joe Bowen, Jr. passed away on Jan. 8. He was 45 years old. Bowen was a police officer until he was elected sheriff in 2002 and served for one term. He loved to fish, hunt and he loved PCHS baseball. He was survived by his wife, sons, parents and a sister.

### Suboxone Clinic Comes to Town

It sort of came up by sur-

prise for most people. The old building used by the late Dr. Sam Cecil was being turned into a suboxone clinic to help get addicts away from narcotics. But some in the local community felt it was being done secretly and without all of the truth being told. Regardless, after a meeting with local political, church and law enforcement officials, the clinic opened up despite serious concerns.

The clinic dominated the news for most of the year. The Times had more stories

about the clinic than any other subject. The city tried unsuccessfully twice to stop the clinic. But a ruling by Circuit Judge Frank Fletcher aid that the building owner, Anne Cecil, acted in good faith and that zoning ordinances could not discriminate against those with disabilities. His ruling, based on other higher court rulings, seemed to lump drug addiction with disability. That did

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# Oath of Office administered to local elected officials



Though some may have not made it, the official oath for each elected official was administered by Kentucky Court of Appeals Justice the Hon. Sara Combs last Sunday afternoon. Above you see each group taking the oath. Top left is the Powell County officials including the judge executive, county jailer, county clerk and staff, magistrates, county surveyor and even representatives of the county coroner's office; top right are city officials from both Clay City and Stanton; bottom left are the constables; and the final group is the Powell County Sheriff Danny Rogers and his deputies. Congratulations to each of them and may God bless them in 2015.

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suspects in custody. Lillian Barnett, 18, was arrested around 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, and charged with murder.

Following the execution of a search warrant at 308 Moundale Court in Winchester, officers also arrested Lamont Wilkerson, 20,

on Dec. 24 and charged him with murder and first-degree burglary.

The individual transported to Clark Regional is also a suspect, but the investigation is still in progress, Hall said.

An additional suspect is shown on surveillance footage at the emergency room, but has not yet been identified.

## COLTON

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tory failure. He never made a sound, he never cried. You couldn't tell it was that bad," she said. "God is the reason why he is here. God helped us that day."

And she believes everyday since.

The family lives in Bath County, but Roxanne and Colton were in town for a visit. Roxanne is the daughter of Darlene and Cory Buckland. Her

grandmother is Mary Morton and her uncle is Clay City Elementary Youth Service Director Gary Morton.

Now Roxanne and Dustin are being tested as possible donor for their son. They have completed blood kits and sent them off. It is during those appointments on Jan. 29 and 30 they may find out if they can give a kidney to Colton.

"I hope we can match or find one that does and be able to do this (replace the kidney) while he is too young to remember all of the bad stuff," Roxanne said.

"He's (Colton) happy. He usually doesn't go to strangers but he let Santa hold him with no problem." Roxanne said. "They said at UK that they have only seen one other child born with this and now Colton. It's that rare, but he is special to us."

To be born with a rare disease, facing doctor after doctor and treatment after treatment and still have a smile on his face – that is special. Being able to believe God is watching over Colton is even more special to Roxanne and Dustin.

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not sit well with some people and other appeals may be forth coming. But as of press time, the Renewed You Clinic, which has other clinics in Beattyville, Lexington and two other cities, is still open.

of choppy. Dispatcher Tim Addison was able to piece enough together to get help to Neal. The men were arrested without incident

Addison was named as the county's Dispatcher of the Year for his help in this event and his hard work all year long.

### County Suffers Salt Shortage

The hard winter, with the snow, ice and seeming constant deep-freeze temperatures, took its toll on the county's salt supply. So in early February the county ran out of salt. In some areas the road crews would scrape the roads and use gravel to help with traction. The county was able to finally get some salt, but like many other counties, the hard winter made salt a rare and precious commodity.

### Lyons Retires

Karen Lyons, who had been taking care of customer service at Clark Energy's office in Stanton since October 1989, retired at the end of February. She started in the old surplus style building that sat on Hall's Lane across from the high school. It was cold in the winter and too hot in the summer. But over the years she saw a new building built and said that technology was the biggest change. Her smiling face will be missed.

### John Cox Passed Away

He served his country proudly and in adverse conditions, He also served his adoptive county for well over 50 years. John L. Cox was a hero, a trusted lawyer and a friend to everyone who knew him. Cox passed away on Feb. 13 at the age of 92.

He was born in Campton on Oct. 21, 1921 to the late Dr. John L. Cox, Sr and the late Vivian Stamper Cox. After graduating from Alvin Drew High School in Pine Ridge he went to college. By the time he was 21 he was serving his country with the U.S. Army Air Force in World War II.

In 1943 he was sent to

Great Britain and was assigned as a radio gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress. While on a bombing mission in January, 1944 his plane was shot down. Cox and the crew parachuted, landing near the German-Belgium border. They were taken captive and became prisoner of war (POW) for the final 16 months of the war. On Easter of 1945 the prisoners he was with were forced to march nearly 5,000 miles in rain and snowy conditions. Cox who was 242 pounds when his plane was shot down, weighed 140 when he was released.

When he came back to the states he finished his education and graduated from the UK Law School in 1948. He opened an office in Stanton in July of that year and stayed in Powell County the rest of his life.

Cox was elected as the county judge in 1950 and served until 1954. But was liked on both sides of the political spectrum. He was also elected as Powell County Attorney in 1958 and served in that office for 32 years.

### Clay City Police Chief Says Goodbye

Stating that another opportunity had become available closer to home, Clay City Police Chief Shannon Taylor announced his resignation to the city council at their meeting on Feb. 17.

Taylor told the Times that he has enjoyed working in Clay City and Powell County, but the chance to work closer to home was a big reason for leaving.

"I can spend more time with my family and be there when my kids need me," he said after the meeting on Monday.

Taylor came to work for the city just days after the tragic death of then Clay City Police Chief Randy Lacy in June 2007. According to city officials at the time, Taylor was supposed to be coming to Clay City to work with Lacy. The untimely death of Lacy placed

Taylor into the position as chief.

Clay City Police Officer James Kirk was promoted to chief.

### MARCH #WEGOTTHIS - PCHS sweeps district

It was a week of ups and downs for Powell County basketball. But in the end the school's motto, #wegotthis, was very fitting.

The Pirates entered the tournament on a six game skid and was not favored by some to advance past the first round. Meanwhile the Lady Pirates have been the expected champion all season with easy wins over their district foes. On paper, the fates looked to be set without a problem.

But the games are not played on paper and sometimes life can shake things up.

The Lady Pirates regrouped from a scare in game one against Estill County and the devastating news that their coach's son had died unexpectedly the day before the championship game. The result was

a more determined team, if that was possible for this squad, and their third straight district title. They beat Lee County 65-43 in the championship game.

The Pirates meanwhile had to take on Estill, who was a thorn in their side all year.

Using a deliberate half-court offense instead of the run-and-gun style they liked to play, Powell was able to take a lead late in the championship game. Two free throws by Brad Smith gave Powell a 49-46 lead, but a quick layup by Estill's Trevor Jones made it 49-48. Powell missed two free throws and Estill had a chance to win at the buzzer, but the ball was knocked away from Jones and Powell captured the title.

Powell's Matt Brooks was named as the Billy J. Hearne Award winner as MVP in the tournament. Lady Pirate Keely Rogers took home the MVP Award for the girls tournament.

### Samaan Pleads Guilty

A former pharmacist at a local pharmacy has decided

to accept an offer from the Commonwealth Attorney's office and will receive probation. Anthony E. Samaan, of Lexington, took a deal that gave him a five year sentence. But that will be probated for five years, so he will not have to go to jail.

Samaan, who was formerly employed at Stanton Drugs before his arrest last December (2013), was charged with 12 counts of attempting to or obtaining controlled substances through fraud, giving a false report or forgery. He was arrested and spent about nine days in the Powell County Detention Center.


During a Powell Circuit Court motion hour in late March Samaan accepted the deal and pled guilty to one count. The other 11 counts were dismissed as part of the plea deal. He could have received 1 to 5 years on each count.

### Lady Pirates Make History

The Lady Pirates had

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# Powell Valley Millwork enjoying family, friends and holidays



Powell Valley Millwork (PVM) recently held their first Family BBQ for all employees. The BBQ was held on Friday, Dec. 12 in one of the buildings on site at the manufacturing facility located on Lofty Heights Road.

Seen here (photos) are several employees and family looking at some of the new equipment and enjoying the food provided by Billy's.

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made history just making it to the school's first ever girl's regional finals. They had blasted Jackson City in the first round and pulled off a stunning win over the host Leslie County the night before. But Powell, despite a valiant effort, fell to Perry Central 59-54.

But the free throws were the difference. Powell was 21 of 38 from the charity stripe, missing 17 foul shots. In the final quarter, five of those were the front end of the one-and-one. But despite missing those chances, Powell gave Perry Central everything they could want and then some.

### APRIL Pirates and Hall Part Ways

The Pirates basketball team came up with a shocking 49-48 win in the 56th District Championship game back on Feb. 28. The win came against Estill County, Powell's biggest district and regional rival and a team that had beaten Powell twice this past season. They even had a decent showing against Wolfe County in the 14th Region opener, losing by 11 against a team that seemed to have their number with two easy wins over Powell.

But neither showing was enough. Now Powell will be looking for a new head coach.

Powell's coach, Brian Hall, will not be returning to helm next season. The decision, according to a press release, seems to be amicable. The released issued by Powell County Athletic Director Monroe Jones states, "Coach Brian Hall and the District have agreed to move in different directions. The district wishes Coach Hall the best in pursuing other coaching

opportunities."

Hall came to the Pirates at the beginning of the 2008-2009 season from Betsy Layne. His first season was definitely a rebuilding year as he ended up with one senior on his squad. The Pirates went 0-24 that season and Hall often wondered if that would be his only season in the red and black.

Overall Hall ended up with a 66-101 record as the Pirates head coach. His teams went 23-25 against district teams in the six seasons he led the Pirates. He was 1-4 in regional tournament play.

Hall has since taken the girls head coaching job at Estill County.

### Family dispute sends one to hospital, one to jail

An apparent family dispute that turned violent and sent one man to the hospital with serious stab wounds while one of his relatives went to jail.

Police were called to the home of Brian Scott Rice on

Friday, April 5 after Ryon Stewart, a relative of Rice, apparently went to Rice's home to confront him about some stolen property. The two men got into a physical altercation and Rice stabbed Stewart. Stewart received several injuries, one was a deep stab near the artery in his arm. He also had facial injuries.

Officers responded to the area as a caller to dispatch reported shots being fired. Allegedly a neighbor may have fired a shot or two to try to stop Rice's attack on Stewart. Rice fled the scene before police arrived. He was reported to possibly have a high powered rifle with him and fled into a wood line nearby.

Stewart, according to police reports, suffering from serious stab wounds to the shoulder area and cuts to his face was airlifted to the UK Medical Center for treatment. He has since been released and was recovering with family members at last report.



## Powell student graduates from MSU

Morehead State University's Fall Commencement exercises were held Dec. 13, with more than 600 degree candidates participating. Among those who took part in the ceremonies was Whitney J. Briscoe of Stanton, who was a candidate for a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in marketing. She was congratulated by MSU President Wayne D. Andrews.

## Rogers named to KWC Dean's List

Kentucky Wesleyan College announces the Fall 2014 Dean's List. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must attain a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Powell County native, Keeley Rogers, a freshman, majoring in elementary education, was named to the Dean's List.

She is the daughter of Stephen and Angela Rogers, Stanton.

Kentucky Wesleyan College, located in Owensboro, is a highly-ranked four-year United Methodist-related academic institution offering a wide range of majors in the liberal arts.



Keeley Rogers

Officers received a call near daybreak on Saturday stating that Rice had come back to his home. Officers obtained an arrest warrant and executed the warrant just after 9 a.m. Rice was charged with first degree assault and lodged in the Powell County Detention Center. Rice has since been indicted and his case is still pending in court.

### MAY Pirates find a New Head Coach

The search is over and Powell County has a new high school boys basketball coach. Young blood will be infused into the program, in fact that young blood is not much older than some of his players. Maybe youth will be the theme for the young Pirates that will take the floor next season.

A press release from the school district in early May announced that Ryan

Whitaker had been named as the new Pirates skipper. Whitaker was a graduate assistant at the University of Pikeville and has been since graduating in 2011.

Whitaker played his high school ball at Bell County where he was a four year letterman. He is the school's third all-time scoring leader and was an All-State Honorable Mention in 2007. He played one year at Lincoln Memorial before transferring to Pikeville. While at Pikeville he was named a conference defensive player award winner and was part of the 2011 NAIA National Championship team.

"I want to thank everyone involved with this process. Thank you all for believing in me and selecting me as the next leader of the Pirate basketball team. I am very excited about this opportunity and feel that it is the ideal situation for any coach," Whitaker said in

a release also issued to the Times. "The school and the community are extremely supportive of the boys basketball program. There is a passion for basketball in Powell County. Those things were the selling point for me. After meeting everyone involved in the hiring process and seeing the desire they had for basketball, I knew this was the place for me. I know that we will be successful at Powell County and cannot wait to get to work."

### Epperson to get a New Trial



A Clay City man convicted of second degree manslaughter, DUI and fourth degree assault will be getting a new trial. The Kentucky Court of Appeals has made that determination after ruling that the trial

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# Guest Column: Local Option Taxes - Leaders in State House deserve recognition for bipartisan support to allow greater local control

It's time to move Kentucky forward. We are encouraged that two important leaders from both sides of the aisle, House Speaker Greg Stumbo (D) and Minority Leader Jeff Hoover ( R) are doing just that though their leadership of a very important initiative to allow for greater control to be returned to local communities and citizens.

The two leaders recently came together in Frankfort to announce that Local Investments for Transformation (LIFT) Kentucky will be the top priority, House Bill 1, in the upcoming session of the General Assembly. The initiative has the broad support of over 42 groups from across the Commonwealth including the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce – as well as numerous local Chambers of Commerce from every corner of the Commonwealth - the Kentucky Association of Counties and the Kentucky League of Cities. The full list of supporting organizations can be found on LIFTKentucky.com.

LIFT, also known as the local option, is very simply about the right to vote. It would allow voters to decide whether they want to pay for new community projects, by giving them the right to vote – up or down – on those projects and

their costs. If the voters say yes, the project goes ahead. If voters say no, the project doesn't move forward.

37 other states allow local citizens to vote for or against projects, paid for by a temporary local option sales tax—but in Kentucky, we don't have that option. Recent state-wide polls show that more than 60 percent of Kentuckians favor this local approach.

Representatives Stumbo and Hoover realize that Kentucky citizens should have the right to decide if they want to invest in their communities in this way. The General Assembly should follow their bipartisan lead and allow for this question to be put to the voters.

Communities across the Commonwealth, both urban and rural, could use this economic development tool. Princeton KY has identified the need to build a firehouse as a critical priority. Leaders in Marion County have talked about the need for a convention facility to leverage the bourbon boom. Pulaski County has a grand vision to attract visitors with an amphitheater set in the area's natural beauty. All of these are just ideas – using LIFT, it is the voters who will ultimately decide.

And, importantly, any local option sales tax would be capped at 1% and there is a legal requirement for the tax to end once the project is completed.

Bipartisan cooperation can work for the Commonwealth. House Speaker Stumbo and House Minority Leader Hoover are showing true leadership by urging their colleagues to allow voters to have a say.

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judge should have allowed a continuance in the case. The ruling was handed down last week.

Brian P. Epperson was found guilty in January of 2013 after being tried for the Nov. 14, 2011 death of Donald Tharp. Tharp died on impact when Epperson's truck crossed the centerline on Hardwick's Creek Road near Clay City causing a head on collision. A passenger in Tharp's truck, Constance Puckett, was injured and had to be flown out to the UK Medical Center.

Epperson was indicted for DUI and murder, along with the assault charges on Puckett. But just before his trial was set to begin the court allowed Commonwealth Attorney Darrell Herald to amend the indictment. That amendment under a different subsection of the state's DUI law, Epperson's appeal stated, moved the burden of proof from the state having to prove impairment to only proving that Epperson had substances in his system that could impair him.

After the first trial Epperson's attorney was quoted. "We plan to appeal," David Ward told reporters after the trial. "The prosecution amended the indictment for DUI literally 30 minutes before the trail began. So we will have an appeal ready to file at the sentencing."

The appeals court agreed that the amendment "fundamentally altered the defense's strategy literally on the eve of the trial." The defense that Epperson's attorney had planned, under

the amended charge would have "resulted in an admission of guilt under the DUI statute," the appeals court ruled. They also stated that it was the "very essence of prejudice

Epperson, though his attorney, asked for a continuance after a jury had been selected and the trial was about to begin, according to the appeal motion. However, Powell Circuit Judge Frank Fletcher denied the motion.

The appeals court ruled that they did not have any problem with the trial court's decision to amend the indictment, but that the court should have granted a continuance. The failure to do so coupled with the "court's inadequate justification for immediately proceeding with the trial constituted an abuse of discretion."

The appeals court remanded the case back for a new trial.

In August Judge Fletcher recused himself from the case and the Chief Judge of the Mountain District, Hon. John David Caudill, took over. Epperson was released on bond and the retrial was set for January. Then in December Caudill announced his retirement. The retrial set for January was put off until July 2015 after a new judge, 21st Circuit Judge Beth Lewis Maze, was appointed.

**Allyn Pleads Guilty**

The man police say shot his girlfriend almost two years ago has decided to take a plea deal. In Powell Circuit Court last Wednesday Ralph Allyn pled guilty to manslaughter. The charge

was amended down from murder after evaluations and the case going to medication.

Allyn, 67, was accused and indicted for the Sept. 23, 2012 death of Barbara Martin, his alleged girlfriend. Just after 5:30 a.m. on a Sunday morning dispatchers received a 911 call from 1995 Lower Cane Creek Road from a male subject stating that he had "just killed my baby." Officers were sent to the scene and information was unclear for a short time.

But when officers arrived no one would come out of the house despite several attempts over a 15 minute span by using sirens and loud speakers.

The dispatcher was able to make contact with the man who made the call, later identified as Allyn. He came out of the house and was taken into custody. At first he allegedly told officers no one else was in the home, according to Powell County Sheriff Danny Rogers. Rogers and officers from Clay City and Stanton, as well as deputies, responded to the scene.

Officers searched the home and found Martin, 64, lying in the kitchen floor face down. She had been shot twice with what state police called a "large caliber weapon." One shot was to her head, the other to her chest.

In the 20 months since the shooting, Allyn has been evaluated at the Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center in LaGrange. It was also alluded to during several pretrial conferences in court that Allyn had been treated by the Veterans Administration Hospitals for

various illnesses. However, it was not made public as to what those illnesses may have been.

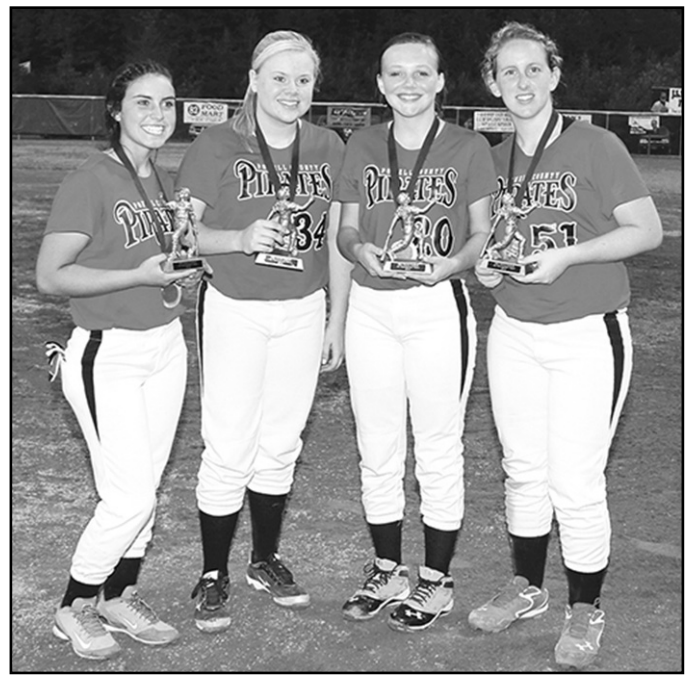
Under the deal Allyn will serve 13 ½ years for first degree manslaughter.

**Merriman Honored as Top Special Education Administrator**

For over 30 years Kathy Merriman has been an educator and advocate for those with special needs. As she has worked tirelessly to not only improve the schools systems ability to provide a solid education in those areas, she also worked even harder for each and every student who has needed those services.

So it is no surprise that she was named as the Outstanding Special Education Administrator of the Year. She received nominations from co-workers in the Powell County School System. More impressive was the nominations from other districts directors of special education, like in Scott and Anderson counties, also nominating her. Merriman is believed to be the first top educator of the year award winner for Powell County in the Central Kentucky district.

Merriman began her career at Powell County in 1981 as a special education teacher at Bowen Elementary. In the fall of 1981 she was moved to the Powell County High School where she taught until 1989. In the 1989-90 school year she became the teacher and director for early Childhood Development. But in 1990 she was named as the director of federal programs, special education and preschool. She has held that position



Nikki Wells, Kenzie Barnett, MaKayla Rucker and Whitney Cook were named to the 2014 56th District All-Tournament Team.

ever since. Merriman retired this past year.

**JUNE Kids Eat for Free at School**

It is something that Laura Young has been working on for several years. No one likes to see kids or families struggle just so they can have a good breakfast or lunch. Now thanks to a section of the new law that governs school lunches enacted four years ago, all Powell County students will not have to worry about that anymore.

Starting with this school year (2014-2015) every student of the Powell County School System will receive a free regular breakfast and lunch. The program that has made it possible is called the Community Eligibility Provision and it is part of the Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010. That means all kids will eat free, no matter what

their family's situation may be.

"In the past we've had to work with the free and reduced lunch forms to try to get to this point. But now it is determined by a program that plugs in things like SNAP, foster care, homeless and migrant percentages, and that helps make the determination," Young said. "We were close before, and at one time at four of our schools eligible, but how do you feed four schools for free and not the fifth one. This way everyone is eligible." The lists are certified by state officials and helps to make sure the district can receive the benefit.

"That form helps the district qualify for many other items and federal assistance to help the schools and our students. A lot of other programs are based on that in-

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formation,” Young explained. “So that still needs to be filled out.”

The new eligibility means kids can receive a free breakfast and lunch, at least the items on each day’s menu. “We will still have a la’ carte items and extra meals, but students will have to pay for those,” Young said. “If it was not for this program, we would have had to raise the lunch prices from \$1.40 to \$1.45 next year.”

Quarry Proposal Rocks Furnace Residents

It took nearly three and half hours, some of that was intense, but it may not matter much when a decision has to be made following a permit conference held last Thursday at the Powell County Courthouse. The meeting was held by members of state’s Energy and Environment Cabinet, Kentucky Department for Natural Resources. The director of the Division of Mine and Reclamation and Enforcement, Billy A Ratliff, led the six member committee to hear concerns from Powell County residents over a proposal for a new rock quarry. As one resident put it, the opinions of 100 people does not matter apparently.

That quarry would be located, according to the application filed by Red River Materials, LLC, just 425 feet west of Knowlton Road and Furnace Road, and approximately a quarter of a mile from Pecks Creek.

The Powell Circuit Courtroom was packed and had standing room only status for most of the three and a half hour meeting. A handful of the crowd wore stickers proclaiming “Citizens for Jobs for Powell County.” But the majority of the over 150 people were clearly against a quarry opening up.

Most of the crowd who lives on Furnace expressed their concerns with several issues. Those ranged from the narrow roads shared with school buses to creating problems for the water tables, damage to property from blasting and even the possible presence of an endangered species in a cave nearby.

The decision to approve was delayed and no action was taken by the company wanting to open the mine. So the application was denied in the Fall.

JULY

Moore Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter

The Mount Sterling man accused of DUI and murder in the death of a Clay City woman has decided to take a plea deal. Johnny D. Moore pleaded guilty to second degree manslaughter last Wednesday after his case went to mediation. The lesser charge will carry a sentence of 10 years.

Moore had been charged and indicted in the death of 79 year-old Martha Vivian on Feb. 28, 2013 after state police say he was under the influence when his truck struck and killed Vivian on Black Creek Road just north of Clay City. Vivian is believed to have missed her driveway just before 9:30 p.m. that evening and in an attempt to turn around in a neighbor’s driveway she ran into a ditch. Vivian then apparently went around the vehicle to check it out and was struck by a 1992 GMC truck.

Vivian was found several feet away from her car in the roadway, while the truck careened off the road and ended up in a ditch al-

most directly across from Vivian’s home. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Witnesses told police that the truck did not attempt to stop or avoid Vivian. It was also noted that it had been raining earlier that evening. But witnesses also reported seeing only one person at the truck. Officers found the truck’s keys in Moore’s pocket when he was searched after the accident. Moore was arrested at the scene.

A blood sample was taken at the scene within the two hour time frame police try to obtain such evidence. State police reported in a preliminary hearing the next month that his blood alcohol level was .140, nearly double the legal limit in Kentucky.

Part of Hwy 213 Named after WWII Hero

While many of us celebrated our nation’s 238th birthday on July 4, a Powell County family was preparing for a memorial and celebration of sorts for a man who gave his life to ensure the freedoms we enjoy. And it is a man that his children can barely remember, if they can at all.

But a portion of Highway 213 north was dedicated in honor of Albert Martin for his sacrifice in defending this nation in World War II some 69 years ago. His story is one of both history and the cost of freedom. Martin was aboard the U.S.S. Indianapolis when it was sunk by a Japanese submarine after it had delivered an atomic bomb, the first used to help end WWII. Martin died in that attack.

Danny Martin, who spoke with the Times about it all, along with his siblings C.B. and Carol Jean, were part of the memorial and celebration in honoring their father. With help from people like Mark Hawkins of the AmVets Post #67, Powell County PVA Dustin Billings and State Representative Richard Henderson, the section of Highway 213 north from the intersection with Highway 15/11 in the middle of Stanton and running to the Montgomery County line was named after Seaman Second Class Albert Martin.



State, federal and local elected officials, along with area judges watched as the great grandsons of Albert Martin unveiled the road sign honoring the WWII hero this past July.

County to look at Zoning

With the proposed limestone quarry permit request apparently on hold for now, the Powell County Fiscal Court has decided to look into a very touchy subject. The court talked about looking into county zoning to help with such issues.

The topic has been one that usually receives a complimentary glance and then is passed over as many people, especially those who live outside city limits, fear that local governments will try to regulate what can be done on their property. But as Chris Chaney of the Bluegrass Area Development District explained at last Tuesday’s regular meeting, the ordinance and comprehensive plan is only as restrictive as an entity makes it.

The comprehensive plan is a living document and can be changed,” Chaney explained to the magistrates. “You can try something and if it does not work you can change it.”

However, not a whole lot of action or discussion has come up about zoning since the July meeting.

County Clerk arrested for DUI

Powell County Clerk Rhonda Allen Barnett has found herself in trouble with the law again. This time she was arrested for DUI after her truck hit a vehicle behind the Powell County Courthouse Tuesday morning.

State police reports, they

received a call from local law enforcement about the incident. State police was called because Barnett is a county official. State police indicated that Barnett allegedly hit the vehicle and went inside the courthouse. She was found in the courthouse and admitted to driving the truck and was going to “resolve the situation.”

The responding trooper indicated in reports that Barnett had slurred speech, unsteady balance and that she failed field sobriety tests. The arrest citation said there was no sign of alcohol present on a portable breathalyzer.

Barnett was taken to a hospital in Montgomery County to have her blood tested.

Barnett was also arrested in December 2011 for AI after visiting a friend at the jail. She pleaded guilty to that charge and paid a fine. Barnett ran for and won another term as county clerk in November. She has worked in the office position she since 1994.

Her case has been delayed, but should be settled

soon. Her attorney has stated to other news sources they will prove she was not under the influence.

Soccer comes to PCHS

Whether it was World Cup fever or the fact that soccer has been growing leaps and bounds in Powell County, soon there will be Pirates and Lady Pirates kicking goals into the net.

The Powell County School Board approved a proposal last week to start the new sport at both the middle school and high school levels for the 2014-2015 school year. Soccer, has been growing steadily over the past five years with both spring and fall leagues. At one point the leagues were reporting almost 400 kids were playing at various age groups.

Last year the school district recognized soccer as a club sport at the middle school. The team played several other clubs and performed rather well. So with those students moving up to PCHS and more coming to the middle school, the timing seemed to be right.

The high school team took part in district play this past season.

AUGUST  
PCSO Makes Arrest in 12 Year Old Bank Robbery

You may think you get away with it, but sooner or later you never know who is knocking at the door. That is what one Clay City woman must be thinking after she was arrested Monday on an indictment for an almost 12 year old armed bank robbery.

Powell County Sheriff Danny Rogers arrested Samantha Rice at her moth-

er’s home on Fourth Avenue in Clay City. According to Rogers, who was assisted by his chief deputy, Robert Mathews and a sheriff’s office detective Larry Patterson, Rice allegedly took part in an armed robbery of the Community Trust bank in Winchester. That robbery took place on Dec. 18, 2002 and \$1,999 was taken.

According to the sheriff’s office, information was given to them a couple of months ago about the unsolved crime. The office’s detectives began an investigation. The Powell County Sheriff’s Office informed the Winchester Police Department and indictments were returned in the case.

“Through the joint efforts of the two agencies it resulted in indictments being issued and this arrest being made,” Detective Patterson said.

Sheriff’s Office Busy Busting Meth Labs

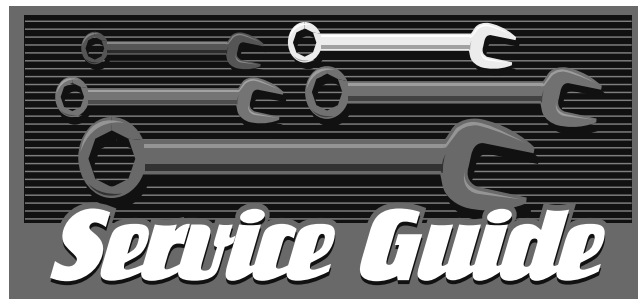
It seems to be an every week occurrence. The Powell County Sheriff’s Office receives a complaint, they do some investigating utilizing their drug task force led by former state police detectives and then a bust is made. Last week was no different. In fact over the weekend they even caught two people allegedly making meth in a church parking lot.

Two arrests were made at an active meth lab in Clay City. For the fourth time in the last month, the sheriff’s office has come across one-step meth labs.

The department spent most of the summer gathering information and making arrests. Many of those

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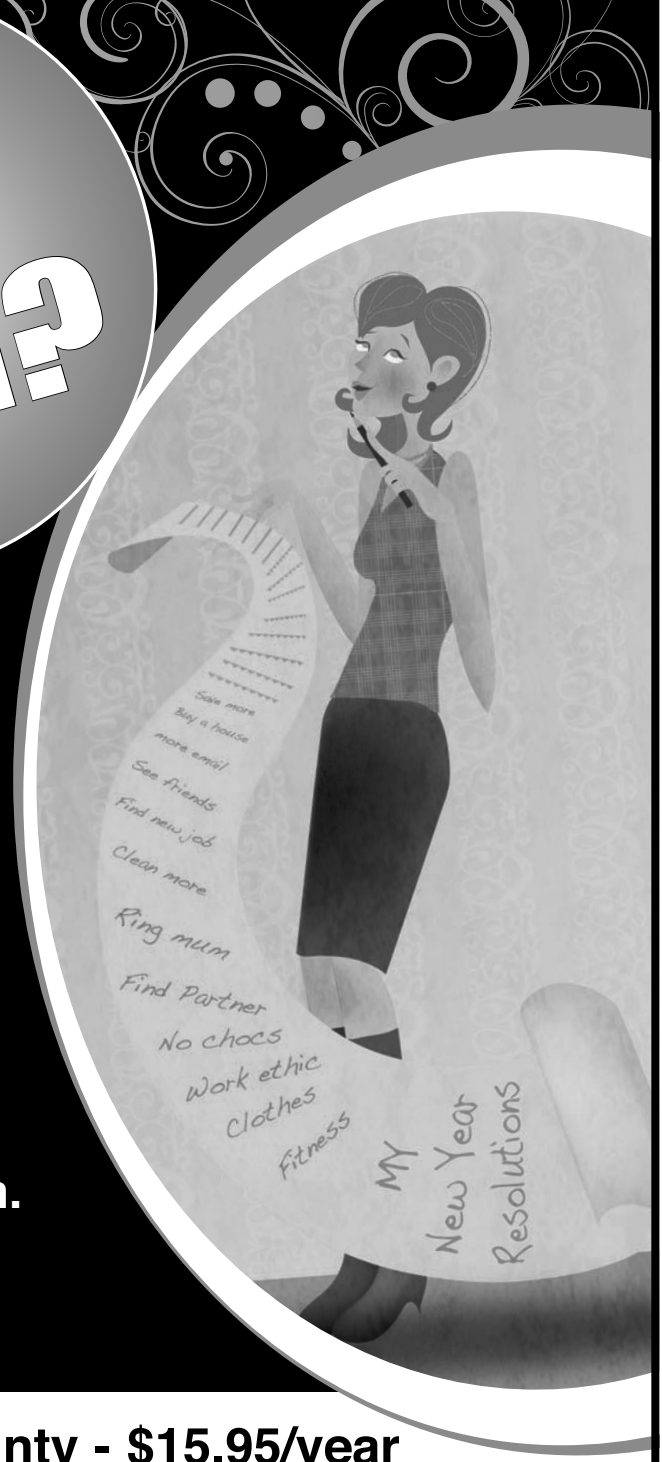
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OBITUARIES

Amber L. Caudill, 19

Amber Lynn Caudill, 19, died on Dec. 23, 2014 at her residence on Oxford Drive in Winchester. Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, she was the daughter of Marc A. Caudill and Karen Hoskins Caudill. Amber graduated from Powell County High School in 2013 and was a sophomore at Eastern Kentucky University. She was preceded in death by her paternal great grandparents Shirley Barnett Bolduc and Malcolm Lovell Caudill; maternal great grandparents, Dollie Barnett, Simpson Barnett, Marcella “Cricket” Hoskins and John William Hoskins and by her maternal grandmother, Floria Iline Barnett Hoskins.

She is survived by her father, Marc A. Caudill of Clay City; her mother, Karen Hoskins Caudill of Stanton; her fiancé, David Arbic of Winchester; one brother, Jacob Anthony Caudill of Morehead; two sisters, Laken Iline Short of Stanton and Kelcy Dawn Short of Nashville, TN; paternal great grandparents Richard Edward Bolduc and Julia Caudill of Clay City; paternal grandparents, Malcolm (Claudette) Caudill, Jr. of Lawrenceburg and Cynthia Bolduc (Michael) Davis of Morehead; maternal grandparents, Gary Warren (Linda) Hoskins of Stanton; along with her special grandparent, Linda Miller of Georgetown and special aunt, Teresa Melton of Georgetown.

Funeral services officiated by Bro. Phillip Pogue were held on Monday, Dec. 29, 2014 at Hearne Funeral Home, Stanton. Interment was in Stonegate Cemetery, Stanton, with Steve Knox, Alex Bolduc, Steve Everman, Matt Watkins, Seth Caudill, Nicholas Jones, Perry Barnett, Cody Short and Evan Short serving as active pallbearers. Arrangements by Hearne Funeral Home, Inc.

Noah R. Christopher, 69

Noah Roger Christopher, 69, passed away Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014 at the Hospice by the Sea in Boca Raton, FL. He was a truck salesman and a Veteran of the United States Army.

He is survived by one son, David Christopher of Maryville, TN; one daughter, Angie Christopher of Dayton, OH; two grandchildren; three brothers, Wayne Christopher and wife Joan of Cookeville, TN, Sammy Christopher and wife Nikki of Franklin, OH, and Ernie Christopher and wife Reda of Tip City, OH; two sisters, Ellen Cunningham of Mt. Washington and Deborah Butcher and husband Brian of Kettering.

He was preceded in death by his parents Noah



Sr. and Marie Christopher; and one sister, Wavilyn Ginter.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2014 at the Grayson Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Gary Willoughby officiating. Burial followed in the Powell’s Valley Cemetery. Grayson Funeral Home was in charge of services.

Roy W. Moore, 55

Roy Wayne Moore, 55, of Jeffersonville, passed away at his residence Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014. He was a carpenter.

He was survived by one son, Bryan Moore and his wife Amanda of Mt. Sterling; three grandchildren, Bryson Moore, Sophie Moore and Logan Miller; one brother, Archie Utterback of Clay City; three sisters, Patty Catron of Middletown, OH, Theresa Miller of Jeffersonville and Susan Bond of Jeffersonville.

He was preceded in death by his parents Harold and Laura Mae Moore and grandchild Riley Moore.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014 at the Little Ella Church in Jeffersonville with Bro. Steve McGuire officiating. Burial followed in the Little Ella Cemetery. Grayson Funeral Home was in charge of services.



Tracy G. Profitt, 75

Tracy Gene Profitt, 75, passed away Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014 at the UK Medical Center from injuries received in an auto accident. He was a retired pastor, carpenter and was a member of the Vaughn’s Mill Church of God. He loved to coon hunt and rabbit hunt.

He is survived by one son, Tracy Dewayne Profitt and his wife Sheryl; two daughters, Donna Westphal and husband Barry, and Tina Rogers and ex-husband David; six grandchildren, Brandon Profitt, Kasey Drew Profitt, Katherine Rogers Franklin, Autumn Rogers Gecas, Amanda Westphal Gecas and Emma Westphal Boseman; four brothers, James, Earl, Richard and Larry Profitt; three sisters, Betty Booth, Mae Barnes and Rose Wireman; and many special family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Martha Profitt; two brothers William and Shirley Profitt; and two sisters Roberta Profitt and Polly Eller.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 26, 2014 at The Grayson Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Gary Mathis and Bro. Teddy Linkous officiating. Burial followed in the Kennon Cemetery. Grayson Funeral Home was in charge of services.



Bonnie Sargent, 50

Bonnie Sargent, 50, wife of Robert Sargent of Rogers, passed away Friday, Dec. 19, 2014 at her residence. She was a housewife.

She is survived by her husband Robert Sargent of Rogers; one son, Thomas Pressnell and wife Angie of Rogers; one daughter, Lucille Spicer of Rogers; eight grandchildren; four brothers, David, Jimmy and Earl Pressnell of Tenn. and James Pressnell of Rogers; three sisters, Betty Trent of Pine Ridge, Margaret Creech of Hazel Green and Patricia Roberts of Campton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Daney and Lucille Pressnell.

Funeral Services were held Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014 at The Grayson Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Frank Bryant officiating. Burial followed in the Reynolds Cemetery in Wolfe County.

Pallbearers were Earl Pressnell, Ryan Cunningham, Scott Roberts, Nathan Friend, Mike Brundon and Roger Thrash. Grayson Funeral Home is in charge of services.



Betty L. Townsend, 62

Betty Lou Townsend, 62, of Cat Creek Road, Stanton, passed away at her residence on Dec. 25, 2014. Born in Winchester, she was the daughter of Rosie Lee Poe Trent and the late Herbert Trent. She was a former factory employee of Continental Metal Specialty and she attended Stanton Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, William Townsend, Sr. of Stanton; her mother, Rosie Lee Trent of Clay City; two sons, Michael Henry Vanover and Christopher Scott (Becky) Vanover of Stanton; one daughter, Lisa Gail Potts of Clay City; one brother, Herbert Scott (Roxanna) Trent of Jeffersonville; one sister, Patty Gail (Tim Shackelford) Trent of Clay City; two grandchildren, Derrick Tyler Potts and Darren Douglas Potts; one nephew, Scotty Shane Trent of Jeffersonville; two nieces, Rebecca (Kevin) Shackelford of Mt. Sterling

and Shanna Trent of Jeffersonville; and special friend, Beth Riggs.

Funeral services officiated by Rev. M. C. Rice and Rev. Anthony Molihan with eulogy by Glen Oliver were held on Sunday, Dec. 28, 2014 at Hearne Funeral Home, Stanton. Interment will be in Stonegate Cemetery, Stanton, with Austin Bowels, Harry Lowry, James Townsend, Charles Johnson, Glen Oliver and Scotty Shane Trent serving as active pallbearers. Arrangements by Hearne Funeral Home, Inc.



State: Emergency road funds awarded to Powell County for repairs on Millstone Road

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet today announced that Powell County will receive \$16,600 in County Road Aid emergency funds.

The money will be used to repair a slide on Millstone Road (CR 1345) near Brush Creek Road, making it safer for cars,

school buses and other vehicles that rely upon the roadway.

“These emergency funds are being used to repair roadways and to improve safety and mobility in Powell County,” said Transportation Secretary Mike Hancock. “This project is one ex-

ample of the cabinet’s commitment to providing a solid infrastructure in Powell County and all across the common-

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# Clay City Times Christmas Coloring Contest Winners



Age 5-7 Winner: Katy Gray

Age 8-12 Winner: Cheyenne Barnes



Community Friends do it again!

The Community Friends held their annual Free Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day so no one had to be alone for the holiday. Jackie and Eloise Rose (bottom left) started the idea. They fed over 450 people this year, including carryouts to shut-ins. What this group of volunteers (above) do is truly what Christmas is all about - love for each other.



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and meetings seemed to have the ball moving. Despite the efforts, the delays continued and the lot was not completed until after Thanksgiving. At least most of it. The final product will be complete when the lot is re-stripped in the spring and a concrete cap is placed on the cut-out along the entrance road. That is supposed to have been completed during the Christmas break.

### Clay City Man Convicted of Sex Crime

A Clay City man has been convicted of sexual abuse and attempted rape after a jury decided to believe the child victim in a trial last week. Archie Vires, 52, was found guilty by a Powell County Jury. Based on the nature of the charges Vires

will have to serve 85 percent of his sentence.

Vires had been indicted for sexual abuse first degree, sodomy first degree and attempted rape first degree. The indictment alleged that Vires had engaged in those activities with a victim who was nine years old at the time of the offenses. The indictments stated that the crimes took place in June and July of 2011.

### Local Truck Driver Honored for Saving A Life

Delbert "Tiny" Wright was honored the Monday before Thanksgiving by his employer, Prestress, in Lexington. The honor was thanking him for helping save the life of a fellow truck driver.

The accident happened in Indiana back in October. The fiery crash could have ended differently if Wright had not been there. "I watched it happen and it was a little scary," he said.

Wright said he saw the accident and helped to get the other driver out of the truck just moments before the truck exploded and caught fire. His employer and even those who witnessed the event, perhaps even those who responded to the call, may consider Wright a hero. But he does not look at it that way.

"I'm not a hero. I did worry a little, I mean these babies (his grandchildren) need their grandpa. And I was little leery at first. I just did what you would do if you were there, what anyone would do to help in that situation," he said when asked what he thought of people saying he was a hero. "I'm just glad God used me. I don't know about being a hero."

### DECEMBER Chase Damages Two Cruisers, Arrest Made

While some people were just trying to rest from the

hustle and bustle of a long day of Black Friday events, local law enforcement had to swing into action. An attempted traffic stop on a burglary suspect turned into a full blown police chase, with cars reaching speeds of 100 miles per hour. Before it was over two police cruisers were taken out of service, two officers received minor injuries, cars ran through yards and the suspect was caught with the help of a taser.

The chase was caught by the Clay City Police Department's new dash camera system.

Police say they were trying to pull over Joseph Watkins because there was a warrant on him. He had been accused of burglarizing a storage building. But instead of pulling over Watkins took off toward Clay City on Highway 15 at speeds nearing 100 mph. He tuned around in a gravel parking lot when saw a road

block and struck two Clay City Police cruisers.

He then went back toward Stanton, but made a sudden stop to turn into his mothers home. A Clay City cruiser struck him from behind. He then took off on foot and was caught. But a taser had to be used as he resisted arrest.

Watkins is now facing several serious charges and Clay City has two cruisers out of commission.

### Catch A Dream helps Local Teen

Many of us have heard about the Make A Wish Foundation. They work to make wishes come true for children who are facing a life altering and threatening disease. Trips to famous parks or meeting their heroes seem to the norm for the foundations work. But what about those kids who like to hunt or fish? What can be done for them? How can they catch their dreams?

That is where the Catch A Dream Foundation comes in. That very foundation heard from a Powell County teen fighting cancer and helped him catch his dream.

Dakota Tipton, a 17 year old junior at Powell County High School, has been fighting a battle with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. The disease is a cancer that starts in cells called lymphocytes, which are part of the body's immune system. Lymphocytes are in the lymph nodes and other lymphoid tissues such as the spleen and bone marrow. Other cancers can move into the lymph nodes, but they are not lymphoma.

Tipton loves to hunt and while in the hospital one day for a chemotherapy treatment, his family heard about the Catch A Dream Foundation. They took him to Wyoming for a hunt where he bagged a 10 point buck.

Here's hoping 2015 is a better year for everyone!



New Year's Day Recipes

Black Eye Peas:

The peas are suppose to be a symbol of good luck. The more of them you eat, the more prosperity you'll experience.

Hoppin' Johns



Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups dried black-eyed peas (note: there will be peas left over to serve as a side)
- 8 cups water, divided
- 3 teaspoons salt
- 1 small ham hock (or 1/4 lb. hog jowl)
- 5 slices of thick cut bacon (or hog jowl)
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 cups long-grain white rice, uncooked
- 1 teaspoon dried red pepper flakes

Directions

Over medium heat, place the dried black-eyed peas, 6 cups of water, salt and ham hock. Cook covered over medium heat until tender. While the peas are cooking, fry the bacon until crisp. Remove bacon, crumble and set aside, reserving the bacon grease. Sauté chopped onion in the bacon grease until softened. In a large sized sauce pan, with a tight-fitting life, add the rice, 2 cups of the pea liquid, 2 cups of water, 2 cups of the cooked black-eyed peas, sautéed onions, bacon grease, crumbled bacon and red pepper flakes. Cook covered over medium-low heat until rice is done, about 15-20 minutes. If need-ed add more pea liquid if rice gets too dry.

Collard Greens

The collard greens are suppose to represent folding money. Collards are green, so is our folding money. It's all about wealth, prosperity and good fortune as the New Year begins.



Ingredients

- 2 lbs collard greens, rinsed
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 cup 1/4-inch diced salt pork
- 1 cup diced onion
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes - optional
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/3 cup white vinegar
- 1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce, plus more for serving

Directions

Cut off and discard the tough stems and discolored leaves from the greens. Cut across the leaves into 2 inch ribbons. In a large stock pot, over medium-high heat, add the canola oil and the diced salt pork, and cook until light golden brown and just crisp. Remove to a paper towel lined plate and let cool. Add the onion to the pot and cook until translucent, about 5 minutes, then add the red pepper flakes, black pepper, and the collard greens. Stir every few minutes, or until the greens have wilted down. Add the chicken stock and the water and cover. Cook for 30 to 45 minutes, then remove the lid, increase the heat to high, and add the vinegar and a teaspoon of hot sauce. Adjust the seasoning, if needed, then put into a serving bowl. Sprinkle with the salt pork and serve with additional hot pepper sauce on the side.

Pork

Pigs it seems, root or forage in a forward direction. This moving forward is seen as symbol of moving forward in the New Year.

Simple and Delicious Slow-Cooker Pork Loin

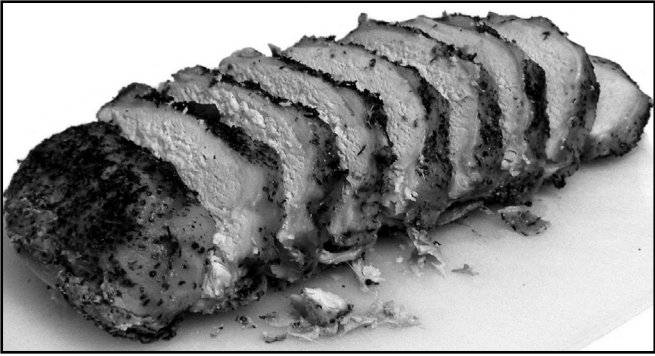
Ingredients

- boneless pork loin or tenderloin, 3-4 lbs
- juice from 1 lemon
- 3-4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon parsley flakes
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme

- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Directions

Add pork to your slow-cooker. Mix together the remain-ing ingredients and even-ly pour on top of the pork. Cook on low for 4-6 hours.



Cornbread

Cornbread is just a good addition to any Southern meal. Folks will argue over wheth-er it should be white or yellow. The yellow cornbread is thought to represent gold... thus adding more of a chance of good fortune and prosperity to the New Year. Also, baking your cornbread in a round skillet forms a circle, like a cake. It's a continuous circle of prosperity.

Ingredients

- 2 cups self-rising cornmeal
- 1 cup self-rising flour
- 1 egg (optional)
- Add buttermilk or sweet milk to desired thickness

Directions

In a large round cast iron skillet, add in a large spoon of grease, vegetable oil or lard. Place the skillet in a 400 de-gree oven until grease is melt-ed and hot. Combine ingredi-ents into a bowl, add your desired amount of buttermilk or sweet milk until you get your desired thickness for the batter. A thicker batter is your best option. Pour batter into the hot skillet and bake until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Approximately 20 minutes.



Round Cake

A round cake symbolizes a continuous circle of prosperity for the New Year.

Sour Cream Pound Cake

Ingredients

- 2 cups butter, softened
- 3 cups white sugar
- 6 eggs, room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 pinch ground mace (as a substitute you can use ground allspice, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg or cloves, starting with half the amount specified in the recipe and adding more to taste)
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon confection-ers' sugar for dusting

Directions

1.Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour a 10-inch Bundt pan or 9-inch tube pan. Beat the butter and sugar with an electric mixer in a large bowl until light and fluffy. The mixture should be no-ticeably lighter in color. Add the room-temperature eggs one at a time, allowing each egg to blend into the butter mixture before adding the next. Beat in the vanilla with the last egg. Pour the flour mixture into the bowl alternately with the sour cream, mixing until just incorporated. Transfer the batter into the prepared pan and spread it smooth Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted in the cake comes out clean, about 1 hour and 20 minutes. Cool for at least 10 minutes before inverting pan onto a cooling rack, and tapping out the cake. Dust with confectioners' sugar before serving.



Many people would consider this New Years meal to be a "poor man's meal". It was often thought that if you "Eat poor on New Years, you'll eat fat the rest of the year".

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Powell County Democrat Committee

The Powell County Democrat Committee will meet each third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the courthouse, if court is in session we will be in the small courtroom. Come out and join your party.

AmVets Meeting

AmVets Post 67, Clay City, monthly meeting, the first Sunday every month at 2 p.m. Bingo every Monday at 6:30 p.m.

The Powell County Library

Powell County Public Library Board Meeting will be held on the third Monday of the month at 4 p.m. in the library. Story Time at the Powell County Public Library is every Thursday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for ages 3 to 5 years. We will read stories, do crafts and sometimes a movie.

Save Furnace Mountain

Save Furnace Mountain is hosted by the Mountain Preservation Coalition and meets the third Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. at the new CSEPP Building located at the Industrial Park in Stanton. Everyone encouraged to attend!

Disabled American Veteran Meeting

The Monthly Meeting of the Powell County Disabled American Veterans Powell County Chapter # 103 is held on the second Thursday each month at 30 Bright Street Stanton at 6 p.m.

Powell County Tourism Commission

The regular board meetings are held every fourth Wednesday at 1 pm. The meetings are held at the new of-fice location at 164 N Main Street, Stanton. The old depot building next to the Dollar General Store. The meeting time is 1 pm. For more information call 606-481-9470.

Red River Gorge/ Nada Tunnel Festival

The committee for the Red River Gorge/Nada Tunnel Festival will meet the first Tuesday of each month at the Middlefork Fire Department at 6 p.m. during the winter months.

Vets Benefits

A Veteran's Benefits Field Representative will be at the Powell County Courthouse in Stanton, Kentucky on the first Thursday of each month. The hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. For further information call toll free 1-866-376-0308.

Stanton Parks and Recreation Board

The Stanton Parks and Recreation Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. The meetings will be held at the city build-ing in the Senior Citizens building located at the city park.

Friends of PC Pets Meetings

Friends of Powell County's Pets hold their monthly meet-ings at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the

Powell County Public Library. If you have any questions or you would like to volunteer or foster, please stop by.

Brianna's Sanctuary Meetings

Brianna's Sanctuary & Rescue monthly meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on the second Friday of each month, at the Powell County Public Library. If you would like to volun-teer or find out the requirements for fostering, come by and join us. For questions call (606) 663-2353 or (859) 576-4846.

Red River Homemakers Club

The Red River Homemakers Club will hold their meet-ings on the first Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office from September through May. Call 663-6405 or 606-231-6383 for more information

Clay City Homemakers

The Clay City Homemakers meet on the first Thursday of the month at noon at the Powell County Extension Office.

Quilt Club

The Quilt Club meets the second Monday of the month at 11 a.m. at the Powell County Extension Office.

If your organization has a regular or special meet-ing you want to let people know about call us at 663-5540 or email us at cctimesnews@bellsouth.net



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## CALENDAR

**Help Powell Search & Rescue**

The Powell County Search and Rescue Team is running the snack bar at the AmVets Post #67 in Clay City every Monday night 6-9 p.m. during bingo, as their main fundraiser to buy and maintain equipment. The team is made up all local volunteers who respond not only to woodland emergencies such as falls in the gorge area, but also to general community needs such as Amber and Golden Alerts. You don't have to play bingo to enjoy eats & treats from the snack bar, but if you do, you will be helping two charities at once.

**Veterans Benefits**

A Veterans Benefits Field Representative with the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs will be at the Powell County Courthouse, Stanton on the first Thursday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Veterans and their families will be given counseling in filing for Federal and State Veterans benefits. This service is provided free of any charge or fee by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Veterans Affairs. Call and leave a message at 1-866-376-0308, leave a message, your call will be returned. Bring all documents pertaining to filing a claim.

**PCHS All Classes Alumni Reunion**

The PCHS Alumni Reunion will be held on May 23, 2015 – All Classes. For ticket information and agenda please call the Powell County Board of Education at 606-663-3300.

**Yoga Class**

There will be a Yoga class at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Clay City Municipal building. The cost is \$7 per class or \$50 for a 10 class card. Beginning in August there will be a Tuesday and Thursday night class. Bring your own yoga mat, a beach towel and a bottle of water.

**Veterans Support Group**

A Veterans Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the AmVets Post #67 in Clay City.

**Genealogy Help Desk**

The Red River Historical Society and Museum located at 4541 Main Street in Clay City has opened a Genealogy Help Desk. It will be staffed by members of the historical society and members of the Red River Valley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). If you are researching your Eastern Kentucky roots we hope we can be of some help to you. The hours are 2 to 5 p.m. each Sunday at the museum.

**Hall's Cemetery**

If you have loved one buried in Hall's Cemetery on South Fork all donations for the upkeep of the cemetery will be greatly appreciated. Call or see Clayton Rogers in Bowen, or call 663-0756.

**Help for Drug Abuse is available**

Narconon would like to remind families that the use of addicting drugs is on the rise, take steps to protect your family from drug use. If you know anyone who is struggling with drug addiction get them the help they need. Call for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all drugs. Narconon also offers free screenings and referrals. 800-431-1754 or DrugAbuseSolution.com. Addiction Counseling also available. Narconon can help you take steps to overcome addiction in your family. Call today for free screenings or referrals. 800-431-1754.

**Nada Cemetery**

Donations needed for the upkeep of Nada Cemetery, send donations to: Debbie Russell 151 Nada Tunnel Road, Stanton, KY 40380.

**Kennon Cemetery**

If you have a loved one buried in this cemetery on Hardwick's Creek Road and would like to donate money to help with the up-keep, there is an account set up at Whitaker Bank located in Clay City or Stanton. All donations would be greatly appreciated.

**Nolan Cemetery**

If you have loved ones buried in Nolan Cemetery please help with the mowing by making donations to Wyonna Nolan Blythe at 661 Maple Street, Stanton, KY. 40380

## CHURCH NEWS

**Hatchers Creek Church of God**

The Hatchers Creek Church of God will now be holding Sunday services at 11 a.m. Pastor Billy Puckett and the congregation invite everyone to attend. For more information call 606-663-9513.

**Full Gospel Lighthouse Community Fellowship**

The Full Gospel Lighthouse on 5th Avenue, Clay City, will be having community fellowship on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to join us for food, fellowship and good clean fun.

**PCCUAD Prayer Meeting**

The Powell County Christians United Against Drugs prayer meeting is held each Saturday at 9 am at the Clay City Baptist Church until April then once a month they will meet at the different churches. This prayer meeting is for all people of our county to meet together for a time of prayer not only for our drug situation but other concerns as well. If further information is needed, please call 663-4356.

**Prayer Line**

If you are in need of prayer or need to leave a prayer request, call (606) 663-6172 or (606) 663-6385.

*Community Calendar and Church News presented so that the community can be made aware of local events. We ask that all announcements should include a brief description of the event along with the time, date and location. Please include a phone number for more information with the announcement.*

*Announcements can be submitted by mail, email or phone.*

*Deadline for announcements is Monday at 1 p.m.*



# AND CHURCH

## ASSEMBLY OF GOD

**Stanton Assembly of God**, Washington St., Stanton, 663-0198, Pastor Eddie and Linda Thomas, 859-771-9777, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm.

## BAPTIST

**Clay City Baptist**, 7th St. & 8th Ave., Clay City, Grider Denney, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Evening Service 7 pm.

**Crossroads Baptist**, 2524 Virden Ridge Rd., Clay City, Pastor James Smith, Sunday Worship Service 6 pm; 606-257-4392.

**Emmanuel Baptist**, 745 W Highway 15 (across from PCHS) Stanton. Ph: 663-1300. ; Services: Sunday School 9:45 am, Morning Worship 11:00 am, Evening Worship 6 pm, Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 pm.

**Faith Freewill Baptist Church**, 130 Washington Street, Stanton, KY 40380, Pastor: Ireland Sexton. Phone 606-663-0073.

**Friendship Baptist Church**, 105 Bluebird Lane (off Virden Ridge Rd.) Clay City, Clyde Spencer, Pastor, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service Sunday, 11 am; Worship Service Saturday 6 pm. **Mill Knob Baptist Church**, 21 Rice Rd., Stanton, off Peck's Creek. Pastor, Warren Rogers 606-481-0444. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Worship at 11 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday service 7 p.m.

**Morris Creek Missionary Baptist**, Hwy. 213 North, Pastor Bess Goss. Jr. Sunday School 10 am, worship 10:45 am.

**Nada Baptist Mission**, 120 Nada Tunnel Rd., Children's Sunday School 1:45 pm, Children's Music 2:30 pm, Adult Sunday School, 2:30 pm, Worship 3 pm, Pastor, Dr. John E. Owen, 859-744-2884

**Powell's Valley Baptist**, 125 Powell's Valley Rd., Clay City; Gary Willoughby, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday service 6 pm.

**Rehoboth Baptist Mission**, 663-1950; Gary Hurt, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Morning Service 11 am; Sunday Evening 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**Stanton Baptist**, 42 E. College Ave., Stanton, Ph. 663-2170; Jonathan Lewis , Min., Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; AWANAS Wednesday 6:30-8 pm & Wednesday Service 7:00 pm.

**West Bend Baptist**.10124 Winchester Rd. Sunday School 10 a.m.; Sunday Service 11:15 a.m. Pastor John C. Taylor. Phone 1-859-270-1599.

**Calvary Baptist Church**, Stokely Loop, Clay City, 663-1890; Johnny Hurt, Pastor, Sunday School 10 am; Worship 11 am; Evening Service 6 pm; Wednesday Service 6 pm.

## CATHOLIC

**Our Lady Of The Mountains Church**, 1093 E. College Ave., 663-5919; Sister Mary Jane Kreidler, pastoral director, and Father Al Fritsch, parish priest. Tuesday and Friday Mass 4:30 pm

## CHRISTIAN

**Stanton Christian**, 100 West Church Street, Stanton, 663-2458; Senior Pastor, Chris Moon, Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service 10:30 a.m. and Sunday Night Small Groups and Youth Groups at 6 p.m. Meal and Open Gym at 7 p.m. Wednesday Nigh Small Groups for all ages 7 p.m.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Bowen Church of Christ**, Luke Newell - 1st and 3rd Sunday; Daniel Newell - 2nd and 4th Sunday.

**Cat Creek Church of Christ**, Dwaine Meadows Min. Sunday School 10 a.m.; morning worship 11 a.m.; evening service 6p.m.' Wednesday 7 p.m.

**Clay City Church of Christ**, 5719 Main St., Clay City, Mack C. Rice and Daniel Newell, Ministers, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**Stanton Church of Christ**, 255 N. Main St., 663-5327; Brock Hartwigsen, Min., Sunday Service 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

## CHURCH OF GOD

**Bowen First Church of God**, 5555 Campton Road, Stanton (Bowen) 663-0751; Pastor Steven V. Williams, Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**Clay City First Church of God**; Interim Pastor, Max Molihan, 4236 Main St., Ph. 663-2810; Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**Emmanuel's Tabernacle Church of God**, Pastor: Kyle Shoupe; 859-749-4067; Sunday School, 1 pm, Worship Service, 2 pm; Sunday Night Service, 6:30 pm; Wed. night service, 7:00 pm; For more information 663-2266 or 663-8118.. Everyone is welcome.

**Grace Fellowship Church of God of Prophecy**, 775 E. College Ave., Willard Estep, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am & 6:30 pm, Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**Hatcher's Creek Church of God**, Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm. Pastor Billy Puckett.

**Knowlton Church of God**, Furnace Rd., Stanton, Kenny Wasson, Min, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 6 pm.; Wednesday Service 6 p.m.

**Living Water Church**, 780 North Fork Rd., Ph. 663-1979; Dale Hale, Sunday School 10 am; Morning Worship Services 11 am and Sunday Night 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**Middle Fork Church of God**, 9479 Campton Road, Stanton; Pastor Garland Lacy; Sunday Service, 11 a.m.

**More Than Enough Ministries Church of God**, 1236 College St., Stanton, KY. Service Fridays 5-7 p.m., Clothing Giveaway Director Betsy A. Caudill , home (606)663-7849, cell (606)304-8838, **Morris Creek First Church of God**, 1669 Morris Creek Rd., Stanton, Raymond Tipton, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**Mountain Parkway Church of God**, 30 Adams Ridge Rd., Dale Payne, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**New Beginnings Church of God**, 1091 Irvine Road, Hwy. 82, Clay City; Pastors Patty and Billie Utterback, Sunday School 11 am; Sunday Worship Services 12 pm. Tuesday Bible Study 6 pm., Wednesday and Saturday 7 pm.

**Slade Church of God**, Sunday School 10 am; Sunday Worship 11 am; Sunday Night Service 6 pm. Pastors: Bill White . Campers Welcome.

**Stanton First Church of God**, 980 E. College Ave. P.O. Box 325, Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm. Anthony T. Molihan minister.

**Vaughn's Mill First Church of God**, Hardwick's Creek Rd., Clay City, Teddie Linkous, Min.; Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6:30; Wednesday Service 7 pm.

**Vaughn's Mill Full Gospel Church of God**, Located off KY 2001 and Happy Top Road in Clay City. Services are: Sunday 10 a.m., Worship at 11 a.m.; Sunday evening at 6 p.m.; Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

**West Bend Church of God**, 9866 Winchester Rd., Clay City, KY 40312, Ph. 663-9210. Pastor Bro. Ray Wyant , home phone 859-498-2262 Sunday School 9:45 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 6:00 pm., youth service 7 p.m. Wednesday prayer services at 7 p.m.

**West Bend First Church of God**, 8861 Winchester Rd., Clay City, KY Pastor James Combs, Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday youth service, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday prayer service, 6:30 p.m.

**Christian Fellowship Church of God**, 4627 Main St., Clay City, Pastor Harold G. Kelly, Sunday School 10 am; Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:45 am and Sunday Night Service 6:00 pm; Wednesday Service 7:00 pm.

**Walnut Grove Church of God, North Fork Road**, Stanton, Rothiel King Pastor, Sunday Morning Service 10 am; Night service 6 pm.

## LUTHERAN

**Grace Lutheran Church**, 108 Hemlock Dr., Winchester, Sunday School 9:15 am, Worship 10:30 am, 745-2873.

## UNITED METHODIST

**Clay City United Methodist**, 7th St., Kim Rose, Min., Sunday School 10:00 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Bible Study 6 pm.

**El Bethel United Methodist Church**, 5229 Trapp-Goff's Corner Road (behind Goff's Corner Market) Winchester,; Rev. Mike Albertson, Pastor; 606-233-7407; Sunday School 10 am; Sunday Morning Worship 11 am; Sunday Night Bible Study 7 pm.

**Hardwicks Creek United Methodist**, Hardwicks Creek, Pastor Chris Harrison, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am & 5 pm; Wednesday Service 6 pm.

**Shiloh United Methodist**, 2652 Campton Rd. (SR 11 & 15) Stanton, Ph. 663-5633; Derek Hickman, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6:30 pm; Youth Ministries, 6:30 pm Sunday; Bible study 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Online: www.shilohunited.org, or facebook.com/shiloh united stanton or email at ShilohUnitedWorship@gmail.com

**West Bend United Methodist**, 8677 Winchester Rd., Clay City, Ph. 663-5534; Michael R.Guertin, Pastor, (931) 237-0569; Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship, 11 am and 6 p.m.; Wed. Bible Study 7 p.m.

## PENTECOSTAL

**Full Gospel Lighthouse**, Fifth Ave., Clay City, Sammy Faulkner, Min., Sunday School 10 am; Worship Service 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday Service 7 pm

**Harvestime Assembly** 480 E. College Ave., Stanton; Sunday, 10 am, 11 am and 6 pm; Wednesday, 7 pm. Rev. Tony Story, 606-663-9866.

## PRESBYTERIAN

**First Presbyterian**, Phillip Pogue, 420 N. Main St., Stanton, Ph. 663-2914; Sunday School 9:30 am; Worship Service 10:45 am and 7:00 pm; Wednesday Service 7:00 pm.

## OTHER

**Airport Chapel**, Stanton, Scoby Faulkner, Min.

**Blessed Assurance Church**, 650 W. College Ave., Stanton; Gary Sparks, pastor. Randy Sparks, assistant pastors, Sunday School 10 a.m.; morning worship 11 a.m.; Sunday night 6 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Service 6 p.m. Phone 859-556-0481

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**, 1085 Grand Ave., Beattyville. Branch president, James R. Ellison; Sacrament meeting, 10:30-11:30; Sunday School 11:40-12:20; Priesthood and relief society 12:20-1 p.m.; missionaries phone 859-432-9584. Ronald E. Roberts 1st Counselor in the branch presidency, 1452 Brookside Dr., Stanton. Phone 606-481-9770

**Three Cross Mission Church**, Sunday School 10 am, Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm and Wednesday Service 6:30 pm, Clay City, KY

**Full Gospel Church**, 27 Hunter Ln., Clay City; Pastor, Ralph Banks; Sunday Services 6 p.m., Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 7 p.m.

**House of Prayer For All People**, Helton Mtn., Slade, Dale Helton, Min., Worship Service, Sunday 2 pm.

**Nada Baptist Mission**, Tunnel Rd., Dr. John Owen, pastor; Phone 859-744-2884. Services 2 p.m. Sunday School; 3 p.m. worship.

**Never Ending Grace Community Church**, 29 Howell Lane, Clay City, Stephen Donithan, pastor 859-585-8756 Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**Pine Grove C.M.E. Church**, 9575 Winchester Rd., Clay City KY 40312. Sunday School: 10 am.; worship service 11 a.m.; Pastor, Diane Flora.

**Vaughns Mill Community Chuch**, hosting **God's Fresh Start Church** 155 Spout Springs Road, Clay City, Ph. 859-608-6525, Thomas Rogers, pastor, Sunday Service 2 p.m.; Thursday night 7 p.m.

**Wings of Love Church**, 7283 Winchester Rd., Clay City, Ricky Shuler, pastor, Children's Sunday School, 5:30 p.m., Sunday Service 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday night 7 p.m.

**Wildwood Chapel**, 1599 Halls Hill Road, Stanton. Pastor: George Sparks, 606 -663-9950. Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship Services 11 a.m., Friday Service at 7 p.m.

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## Encouraging word: What will the New Year bring?



Howard Coop  
Guest Columnist

Many years ago L. Frank Braum wrote in THE MARVELOUS LAND OF OZ “Everything has to come to an end, sometime.”

But we don't live in the land of Oz, we live in the real world where this is an amazing fact: As things come to an end, other things, new and exciting, begin, and life

goes on.

The year, 2014, is ending, and this means one thing. T. S. Eliot wrote, "...to make an end is to make a beginning." So, a page in the book of life is turned, and another year, 2015, is

beginning. That beginning can be faced with excitement, expectation and hope. Alfred, Lord Tennyson wrote, “Hope smiles from the threshold of the year, whispering ‘It will be happier’...”

The threshold of a new year provides an opportunity to glance backward, and that backward glance at the old year will be revealing. One thing is certain, the old year did not bring everything that was desired. For some, there were moments of disappointment, and for others, there were moments of fulfillment. The year was a mixture of light and darkness, joy and sadness, success and failure. It contained some experiences that were deeply hurtful, but there were others experiences that were good, and they will be cherished indefinitely as precious memories.

But there is more at the threshold of the New Year. After the backward glance, there must be a steady forward gaze, for the focus of life is not upon the past but upon the future. Ahead, there are untold opportunities, many dreams to turn into reality, a lot of things to do, and lofty goals to be accomplished.

What will the New Year bring? Probably, not everything that is desired. So, the year will be a mixed blessing. Hillary DePiano said, “We all get the exact same 365 days. The only difference is what we do with them.” Vern McLellan put it this way: “What the New Year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the New Year.”



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## State: Homestead exemption on real estate set for 2015-16

The maximum homestead exemption on real estate owned by qualified persons has been set at \$36,900 for the 2015 and 2016 tax periods. The 2015-2016 exemption reflects a \$900 increase over the 2013 – 2014 exemption of \$36,000.

The amount of the homestead exemption is adjusted every two years in accordance with KRS 132.810 to compensate for changes in the purchasing power of the dollar. The exemption provided state and local property tax savings of approximately \$178 million for more than 449,000 el-

derly or disabled Kentuckians during the 2014 tax year.

To qualify for the homestead exemption, a person must be at least 65 years old during the tax period or have been classified as totally disabled by any public or private retirement system. The property must also be owned, occupied and maintained by the taxpayer as a personal residence on the January 1 assessment date.

Applications for the homestead exemption should be filed in the local Property Valuation Administrator's office.

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John 15:12*



## I do solemnly swear . . .

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Powell District Judge Kenny Profitt was sworn in last Sunday at the Powell County Courthouse by Kentucky Court of Appeals Justice, the Hon. Sara Combs. Profitt serves the 39th Judicial District and covers Powell, Wolfe and Breathitt counties.

**The court docket below is listed as we received it. We do NOT alter the docket in any way and will NOT change anything on it unless directed (verbally and in writing) by the clerks office and/or judge. Please do not ask us to leave off a name or to make sure someone is not listed. We run what we receive. Period.**

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**Thank You.**

# CIRCUIT COURT NEWS

- Anthony Steven Allen, pretrial conference, first degree possession of CS/drug unspecified, first offense. Continued to January 21, 2015.
- Ricky Allen, sentencing. Plead guilty to two counts flagrant non-support. Recommended four for five, concurrent.
- James Michael Bailey, pretrial conference, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (>=10 D.U. drug unspecified); two counts complicity to trafficking in a controlled substance first degree, first offense (>=10 D.U. drug unspecified). Case continued to Jan. 7, 2015.
- Timothy Barker, revocation hearing, scheduled for Jan. 7.
- Brian Lee Bentley, show cause hearing, probation violation (for technical violation), motion withdrawn.
- Jane Brantley, probation revocation hearing, probation violation (for technical violation) continued to Jan. 7.
- Felix Hernandez Bustamante, pretrial conference, burglary, first degree; theft by unlawful taking all others \$10,000 or more but U/\$1,000,000; criminal mischief, first degree. Continued to Jan. 21.
- Harry Ray Catron, pretrial conference. Plead guilty to complicity to trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (<10 D.U. opiates). Recommended to receive two years diverted for three years.
- Carl Chambers, dismissed - deceased.
- Herbert Blaine Charles, Jr., sentencing for trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (> 10 D.U. drug unspecified). Continued to Jan. 7.
- Joseph D. Collins, pretrial conference, burglary in the first degree; theft by unlawful taking or disp. from building \$500 or more but U/\$10,000. Continued to Jan. 7.
- Robin Collins, pretrial conference, promoting contraband in the first degree. Continued to Jan. 21.
- Robin Renee Collins, pretrial conference, trafficking in marijuana, 8oz to < 1lbs, first offense; drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. Continued to Jan. 21.
- Monica Renee Combs,

diversion completion. Dismissed - diverted.

- Matthew Conley, arraignment, criminal possession of a forged instrument in the second degree. Continued to Jan. 7.
- David A. Courtney, sentencing for criminal possession of a forged instrument in the second degree, B/W.
- Edward Richard Crawford II, review passed from November 19, 2014, continued to Jan. 21.
- Edward Richard Crawford II (aka Punkin), pretrial conference, four counts trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (< 10 D.U. opiates); two counts trafficking in a controlled substance in the first degree, first offense (> = 10 D.U. drug unspecified); trafficking in a controlled substance in the second degree, first offense (< 20 D.U. drug unspecified, schedule 3). Continued to Jan. 21.
- Anthia N. Elam, drug court referral. operating a MV under the influence of alcohol/drugs, .08 second offense; first degree possession of cs/heroin, first offense; possession of a controlled substance, second degree - drug unspecified; drug paraphernalia - buy/possess; tampering with physical evidence. Plead guilty, recommended two years diverted for five years to be concurrent with court case stated below.
- Anthia Nicole Elam, drug court referral, attempt to traffic in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (>= 2gms heroin); attempt to traffic in a controlled substance in the second degree - barbiturate; attempt to possess a controlled substance in the second degree - drug unspecified; drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. Plead guilty, recommended sentence ten years diverted for five years, complete drug court and to be served concurrent with previous case.
- Anthia Nicole Elam, drug court referral, tampering with physical evidence, recommended to be dismissed with prejudice.
- Danny Elkins, pretrial conference, flagrant non support. Continued to Jan. 7.
- Roger C. Estes, drug

court referral, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (<10 D.U. opiates), persistent felony offender - second degree. Continued to Jan. 21.

- William Brian Evans, sentencing for trafficking in a controlled substance, second degree, second offense (<20 D.U. drug unspecified, schedule 3). Recommended 2 years probated for 3 years.
- Jeffrey Allen Flinchum, pretrial conference, first degree possession of CS/drug unspecified, first offense; drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. Continued to Jan. 7.
- Jeffrey Flynn, pretrial conference, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (<10 D.U. drug unspecified, schedule 1 & 2). Recommend to dismiss with prejudice.
- Jason Fouch, pretrial conference, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (>10 D.U. drug unspecified). Indictment pending, pretrial conference scheduled for Jan. 21.
- Janet Fox, expungement hearing, dismissed - expunged.
- Jarrod Fugate, pretrial conference, three counts assault in the second degree; leaving the scene of an accident/failure to render aid or assistance; wanton endangerment - first degree. Pretrial conference scheduled for Jan. 21, trial date scheduled for April 6, 2015.
- Robert Earl Geiger, pretrial conference, convicted felon in possession of a firearm, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (< 10 D.U. opiates). Pretrial conference scheduled for Jan. 21, trial date scheduled for March 9.
- Juan Garcia Genis, pretrial conference for burglary in the first degree, theft by unlawful taking all others \$10,000 or more but U/\$1,000,000; criminal mischief in the first degree, continued to Jan. 21.
- Donald Eugene Gibson, pretrial conference, plead guilty to trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (< 10 D.U. opiates); trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (> 10 D.U. drug unspecified). Recommended sentence of eight years, serve six months, probated for five

years. Sentencing scheduled for Jan. 21.

- Michael A. Gibson, pretrial conference, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (> = 10 D.U. drug unspecified); three counts persistent felony offender - first degree; two counts trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (< 10 D.U. opiates). Pretrial conference scheduled for February 18, trial date scheduled for April 1.
- Rebecca Hazel Ginter, pretrial conference, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (> = 10 D.U. drug unspecified), continued to Jan. 21.
- Vernon Dea Griffin, pretrial conference, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (< 10 D.U. drug unspecified, scheduled 1 & 2). Continued to Jan. 21.
- Roger All Hale, pretrial conference, passed from November 5, manufacturing methamphetamine, first offense; drug paraphernalia - buy/possess; fleeing or evading police, second degree (motor vehicle). Continued to Jan. 21.
- Collyn R. Hall, summons, probation violation (for felony offender), continued to Jan. 7.
- Joseph Hall, pretrial conference for two counts trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (> = 10 D.U. drug unspecified). Plead guilty, recommended to receive six years to serve concurrent. Sentencing scheduled for Jan. 7.
- Michael Hall (aka Duke), pretrial conference, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (< 10 D.U. opiates). Plead guilty, recommended three years, serve 60 days, probated for four years. Sentencing scheduled for Jan. 21.
- Scotty Ree Hall, pretrial conference, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (>10 D.U. drug unspecified), twelve counts trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (> = 10 D.U. drug unspecified); twelve counts persistent felony offender - second degree; one count trafficking in a controlled substance, third degree, first offense (<20 D.U. drug unspecified).

fied). Plead guilty, recommended seventeen years concurrent with case below. Sentencing scheduled for Jan. 7.

- Scotty Ree Hall, pretrial conference, three counts trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (<10 D.U. drug unspecified, schedule 1 & 2); three counts of persistent felony offender - second degree; convicted felony in possession of a firearm; trafficking in a controlled substance, second degree, second offense (> = 20 D.U. drug unspecified schedule 1&2); trafficking in a controlled substance, third degree, first offense (> = 20 D.U. drug unspecified); drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. Plead guilty, recommended ten years concurrent with previous case. Sentencing scheduled for Jan. 7.
- Billy R. Hatmaker III, arraignment, possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (methamphetamine); possession of a controlled substance, second degree - drug unspecified; operate motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, .08, second offense; operating on a suspended/revoked operators license; failure to wear seat belts; disregarding traffic control device - traffic light. B/W.
- Earl D. Hatton, probation revocation hearing, Bench warrant issued.
- Jeffrey W. Holder, pretrial conference, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (<10 drug unspecified, schedule 1 & 2); two counts of persistent felony offender - second degree; trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (< 10 D.U. opiates). Pleads guilty, recommended 3 years, concurrent with other cases.
- Dewayne Johnson, pretrial conference, manufacturing methamphetamine, first offense; possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (methamphetamine); drug paraphernalia - buy/possess; persistent felony offender - first degree. Continued to Jan. 21.
- Houston Paul Johnson, pretrial conference, trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense (< 2gms methamphetamine); persistent fel-

ony offender - first degree. Continued to Jan. 7.

- Houston Paul Johnson, manufacturing methamphetamine, first offense; convicted felony in possession of a handgun; drug paraphernalia - buy/possess; possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (methamphetamine); possession of a defaced firearm; persistent felony offender - first degree. Continued to Jan. 7.
- Houston Paul Johnson, pretrial conference, possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (methamphetamine); tampering with physical evidence; wanton endangerment - first degree; resisting arrest; failure to or improper signal; no operators/moped license; reckless driving; persistent felony offender in the first degree. Continued to Jan. 7.
- Thomas Ray Kennon, arraignment. Plead not guilty to first degree possession of a CS/drug unspecified, first offense; possession of marijuana; drug paraphernalia - buy/possess. Pretrial conference continued to Jan. 21.
- Rhonda Patrick Mastin, pretrial conference, two counts manufacturing methamphetamine, first offense; drug paraphernalia - buy/possess; fleeing or evading police, second degree (motor vehicle). Continued to Jan. 21.
- Paul Bru McClure, sentencing, trafficking in a controlled substance, first offense. Sentenced to six years.
- Calvin Ter McDaniel, sentencing, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (< 10 D.U. opiates); first degree possession of controlled substance/ drug unspecified, first offense. Sentenced to three years probated for three years.
- Amy Nicole McIntosh (aka Rice), pretrial conference, complicity to trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (< 10 D.U. opiates). Continued to Jan. 21.
- Shawn McIntosh, pretrial conference, trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, second or greater offense (< 10 drug unspecified, schedule 1 & 2). Continued



# Powell Pirates had a rough week before Christmas

By GREG MCINTOSH  
Times Sportswriter

The Powell County Pirates Boys Basketball team has started out the season on a good note through the first two weeks of the season. The Pirates began the second week with a winning record and looked to get the third week off with another victory. Powell hosted Madison Southern, the Monday before the Christmas break. The game proved to be a close contest.

Powell's Brad Smith started the game hot, scoring seven points in the first quarter. Adrian Williams was the only other Pirate to score in the first quarter with a basket. Powell and Madison Southern were tied 9 - 9 after one quarter.

The second quarter saw Madison Southern open up a six point lead but the Pirates battled back. Max Hernandez connected on three baskets and Tyler Carter made two baskets for Powell to lead the comeback. Powell trailed 29 - 27 at halftime.

Madison Southern pulled away again in the third

quarter only to have the Pirates comeback again. Brad Smith and Austin Napier both hit three pointers in the surge for the Pirates. Derrick Robinson drove the ball to the basket for five points for Powell in the quarter. Madison Southern maintained a 43 - 40 lead at the end of the quarter.

The fourth quarter was a dandy.

Kory Freeman tied the game for the Pirates with a basket and a free throw on a three point play with 7:10 to play in the game. Powell took the lead with a basket by Hernandez.

Madison Southern tied the game with 5:15 to play at 47 - 47. Southern added a free throw to take the lead by a point.

Hernandez scored again as the Pirates retook the lead. Southern scored again a led with 4:08 to go. Robinson scored inside to put Powell ahead 51 -50. Southern hit a free trow to tie the game a basket to take the lead 53 -51 with 2:30 left in the game.

Napier hit a floater in the lane to tie the game. Southern hit one of two free throws to lead by a point.

Powell called a timeout with 29.5 seconds remaining.

Powell dribbled the ball around and took another timeout with 8.1 seconds to go. Southern saw the Pirates come out for the final play and called a timeout to set their defense.

Powell in-bounded the ball to Smith, who drove to the basket. He couldn't get off a shot and kicked the ball back out to Robinson and Napier. Both tried to catch the ball at the same time and precious seconds ticked away. Napier picked the ball up and tried a last second three pointer that was just off. Powell fell to Madison Southern by the score of 54 - 53 in a heart breaker.

Powell was led in scoring by Smith with 14 points and Hernandez with 10 points. Robinson chipped in nine points and Napier had seven points for the Pirates.

Then the weekend before Christmas Powell traveled to Knox Central for the Knox Central Holiday Shootout. The Pirates played host school Knox Central on Friday night. In a close game the Pirates fell 89 -83. On Saturday, the



Times Photo by James Cook  
Powell's Brad Smith launched and connected on this three point shot against Madison Southern as the Pirates mounted a comeback. But the rally fell short as the Eagles won, 54-53.

Pirates played IDEA, D.C. and once again the Pirates came up short, 67 - 53.

On Sunday, Powell faced Ponitz Career Tech from Dayton, Ohio. Powell lost again, 72 - 54. Powell has now lost five games in a row.

Powell now stands at 3 - 6 overall for the season and 1 - 0 in district play. After

Christmas, the Pirates travel to Pineville for the Pine Mountain Classic on Friday and Saturday.

**Pirates get a much needed break**

The Powell County Boys Basketball team started the season by winning three of their first four games. The Pirates have since lost five games in a row to fall to a

record of 3 - 6 on the season. The players and coaches got an extended break over the Christmas holiday with no games last week. The Pirates were scheduled to take the court in the Pine Mountain Classic on Monday and Tuesday before New Years Day. The Pirates host rival Estill County on Saturday in a district contest.

56th District Basketball Records & Rankings		
Girls		
	District	Overall
Powell	1-0	6-5
Owsley	1-1	6-3
Lee	1-1	4-6
Estill	0-1	6-5
Boys		
	District	Overall
Estill	1-0	5-6
Powell	1-0	3-7
Owsley	1-1	1-7
Lee	0-2	1-11
* Records are as of 6 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30 - KHSAA.org		



Photo by Keegan Rogers  
Powell's Destiny Peck eyes the basket as she prepares to attempt a free throw. Peck and the Lady Pirates took part in a couple of holiday tournaments, playing six games in nine days. They beat Elliott County (62-42) at the Country Music Highway Classic in Paintsville before Christmas, but fell to Covington Holmes (80-34) and Sheldon Clark (60-41). Then after Christmas they played in the Mingua Beef Jerky Holiday Classic at Bourbon County. The Lady Pirates beat Harrison County (47-42), but fell to Bourbon County (44-30) and Woodford County (56-36). Peck was named to the all-tournament team in Bourbon County.

**Powell County Varsity Pirates**

**Jan 3 vs. Estill** (G/B DH)

**Jan. 6 @ Jackson City**

**Jan. 9. vs. Lee** (G/B DH)

**Jan. 13 @ Breathitt**

**Jan. 16 vs. Owsley** (G/B DH)

**Jan. 17 vs. Knott Central**

**Jan. 20 @ Wolfe**

**Jan. 23 @ Estill** (G/B DH)

**Jan. 24 vs. Knox Central**  
(F 3:30/JV 5 /V @ 6:30)

***Pirates & Lady Pirates Freshmen Games***

*Jan. 6 Girls @ Meniffee Co.*

*Jan. 7 Boys vs. Estill Co.*

*Jan. 8 Girls @ Madison So.*

*Jan. 15 Girls vs. Clark Co.*  
*Boys @ Owsley Co.*

*Jan. 20 Girls @ Lee Co.*

*Jan. 24 Boys vs. Knox Cent.*

**PCMS Basketball**

**Jan. 5 Vs. Scott Co.**

**Jan. 8 vs. Woodford Co.**

**Jan. 12 vs. Harrison Co.**

**Jan 19, @ Campbell**

**Jan. 22 vs. McNabb**

**Lady Pirates**

**Jan. 3 vs. Estill Co.**

**Jan. 5 vs. Magoffin Co.**

**Jan. 7 @ Jackson City**

**Jan. 9 vs. Lee Co.**

**Jan. 10 vs. Magoffin Co.**

**Jan. 16 vs. Owsley Co.**

**Jan. 23 @ Estill Co.**

**Jan. 27 @ Lee Co.**

**Jan. 29 @ Perry Central**

**Jan. 31 @ Johnson Central**

**Feb. 2 @ Breathitt Co.**